

**ABSTRACT**

[0043] There are presented a method and device for ordering the channels to be scanned by a station that is looking to associate with a network by way of an access point. The order in which channels will be scanned is based on criteria relating to prior associations by the station over specific channels or access points. Such criteria may be collected and stored in an associative history of a station, which may include, for example, the time of past associations on a channel, the performance of an access point in prior associations, or other criteria determined by a station user.